

means for determining disclosable security levels according to the calculated relative positional relationship and providing to a search manager information, among stored information relating to sought persons, that has been determined as being disclosable.

20. (Original) A search supporting device, possessed by a search manager, for acquiring and storing information relating to sought persons, and supporting a search by providing the stored information to a search manager, wherein  
if a search manager inputs a search completion instruction, stored information relating to a sought person is deleted.

#### **REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to conform the claims to U.S. patent practice.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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